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1. A meeting called by Deputy Minister President Walter Ulbricht for 27 June 1950 was attended by Minister of State Security Wilhelm Zeisser, Minister of Planning Heinrich Rau, Reichsbahn Director General Willi Kreikemeyer, SED Chairman for Saxony Ernst Lohagen, Deputy Head of the Administrative Academy at Forst Zinna, Edwin Hoernle, Willi Mayer, who is in charge of administration at Forst Zinna, Soviet Ambassador G.M. Pushkin and an unidentified Soviet official who recently arrived from Moscow.
2. The last mentioned, unidentified official made the following statements: The vigorous United States reaction to the events in Korea has caught Moscow by surprise. Despite the Korean incident, the Soviets are anxious to negotiate with the United States through the Security Council of the United Nations. Such negotiations should not be disturbed by further agreements between the DDR and Bulgaria or Rumania of the type previously concluded with Czechoslovakia and Hungary.
3. In answer to Hoernle's question whether negotiations between the USSR and the United States are in serious prospect, the official declared that a serious attempt would in fact be made. Ulbricht's question whether existing arrangements between the DDR and Poland and the DDR and Czechoslovakia would under any circumstances be upheld by the USSR was left unanswered. The official stated that his mission did not extend to these issues. When Ulbricht inquired further whether negotiations are to be confined to Far Eastern issues, the official disclaimed knowledge. He also left unanswered Ulbricht's question whether the negotiations envisaged the formation of an all-German government with Bonn participating.

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**Comments:** This information should be treated with the utmost caution. The possibility of Soviet deception is not to be ruled out. The composition of the German audience was unusual, especially the inclusion of Kreikemeyer and the two Forst Zinna officials. [REDACTED] Ulbricht failed to introduce the visiting Russian official by name is difficult to credit. An Associated Press article dated Berlin 26 June 1950, Paris Herald Tribune 27 June 1950, states that East German sources believe that Moscow does not desire to provoke a Third World War over Korea.

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